



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Disabled Persons' Loading Zone – Palmerston Avenue

Date:	May 4, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter which Community Council has been delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services was requested to establish a pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons fronting No. 151 Palmerston Avenue, operating between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., daily. The loading zone will provide curb-side access for vehicles servicing a disabled resident at that address and will not negatively impact residential permit parking holders.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the installation of a designated on-street loading zone for disabled persons, operating from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the east side of Palmerston Avenue from a point 68.0 metres south of Dundas Street West to a point 5.5 metres further south.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services 2010 Operating Budget	\$400.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has been requested to investigate establishing a disabled persons' loading zone at No. 151 Palmerston Avenue for use by a resident at this premises.

COMMENTS

Palmerston Avenue is a local roadway that operates one-way in the southbound direction. No. 151 Palmerston Avenue is located on the east side of the road, south of Dundas Street West. On this section of Palmerston Avenue, the following alternate-side parking regulations are in effect:

- one-hour maximum parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily;
- permit parking, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily; and
- three-hour maximum parking at all other times.

On the section of Palmerston Avenue, between Dundas Street West and Robinson Street, there are 54 spaces available and 32 permits have been issued. There is no TTC service on Palmerston Avenue.

The disabled resident generally requires service between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., daily. To facilitate curb-side access, an on-street disabled persons' loading zone could be designated in front of No. 151 Palmerston Avenue during that time period. To avoid gates that provide access to this property, as well as adjacent properties, the zone will be shifted to the south by about one metre. As a result, the zone will partially encroach onto the property frontage at No. 149 Palmerston Avenue.

The zone could also be used by any vehicle displaying a valid "Disabled/Accessible Parking Permit" while actively engaged in picking-up or dropping-off a disabled person. The disabled persons' loading zone would eliminate one parking space during its hours of operation. However, outside of the 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. time period, the zone could be used for parking, including overnight parking by residents with valid parking permits.

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